

SEVERAL FFC PLAYERS CONTRIBUTING FOR UMW MEN



The University of Mary Washington's men's soccer program has been one of the top teams at the NCAA Division III level this year, compiling a 13-1-4 record after advancing the Capital Athletic Conference final with a 4-2 penalty-kick win over visiting Frostburg State on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

The Eagles are currently ranked 12th in the latest United Soccer Coaches' rankings and can earn an automatic NCAA DIII tournament bid with a win over St. Mary's (Md.) in Saturday's 1 p.m. final, which they will host at the Battleground Athletic Complex.

Seven players with playing experience in Fredericksburg FC's programming have contributed to the season's strong showing. The group includes players from this summer's CCL Pro23 team and FFC youth teams—(above, left to right) Ryan Foley, Jeremy Hokenson, Ben Ahrens, Ryan Van Maanen, Idrissa Barrie, Tom Skeer and Gabriel Soriano.

None of the players scored in the run of play during Wednesday's semifinal victory, but Ahrens did convert one of the four spot kicks in the tiebreaker that sent UMW through to the final.

Van Maanen (6) and Barrie (5) are near the top on the Eagles' scoring chart this season, while Ahrens (2), Hokenson (2) and Soriano (1) have also tallied. Barrie (5), Hokenson (4), Soriano (2), Van Maanen (2) and Ahrens (1) have also provided assists. Skeer, a goalie, has seen limited action behind First-Team All-CAC goalie contender Ken Kurtz.

UMW, the defending CAC tournament champions, will be facing a St. Mary's team they beat 5-1 on the road on Oct. 6. Hokenson contributed a goal and an assist in that victory with Barrie and Ahrens also adding a score.

Saturday's encounter will mark the third time in tournament history that the two teams have met in the title game. The Eagles came out on top in both in 1991 and 1992, the first two championships in conference history.

Heading into the contest, we talked with Hokenson via email about his time with UMW and what his experience playing college soccer has been like so far . . . Along with a few other fun little tidbits the Fredericksburg-area product.

Check out what he had to say in our FFC in College Q&A on the next page!